

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6 and 11-12 are pending.

Claims 4-5 and 7-10 are withdrawn.

Claim 13 is new.

Claims 1-13 are pending.

New Claim 13

Support for new claim 13 may be found on page 8, second line. No new matter has been added.

35 US 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ushirogouchi, US 5,691,101 in view of Wolleb, US 6,087,492.

The Examiner points to Ushirogouchi as teaching a photosensitive composition comprising elements b through e. Examiner also states that Ushirogouchi suggests the addition of phthalocyanines (co. 9, line 3). In order to meet the limitations of the claims, the Examiner combines Wolleb with Ushirogouchi.

The Applicants do agree with the Examiner in that Ushirogouchi **does not** teach the specific phthalocyanine of formula (1). However, the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's analysis that components b through e are suggested by Ushirogouchi.

The present claim 1 requires at least 5 ingredients.

In particular, the present claims require the presence of a component c). Component C is a **polymerizable** monomer. This is defined in the present application as a vinyl monomer. See page 8, second line.

Examiner refers to glycidyl-methacrylate (monomer) in column 6, lines 53 and 65-67. This reference is found in a paragraph where the topic of discussion is acid-crosslinkable **resins**. The paragraph goes on to list a number of acid cross-linkable **resins**. As the Examiner is aware resins are formed from monomers and frequently the resins are described by describing the monomers from which they are formed. All of the references to monomers in column 6, lines 53-67 are references to cross-linkable resins. The discussion in lines 53-67 does not refer to the monomers per se but to the resins

formed from various monomers (such as vinyl alcohol and glycidyl-methacrylate). Thus Ushirogouchi does not disclose compositions which include component c (a polymerizable monomer) but a resin.

Ushirogouchi mentions in column 9, lines 30-31 that a photo-crosslinking agent such as a bisazide might be a fourth component. However, one skilled in the art would not consider this a polymerizable monomer (a vinyl monomer).

As Ushirogouchi fails to suggest component c), there is no overlap between Ushirogouchi and present claims.


Furthermore, Wolleb fails to make up for this deficiency. Thus the combination of Ushirogouchi and Wolleb does not arrive at the invention as presently claimed and the 103(a) rejection is overcome.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 6 and 11-13 is respectfully solicited in light of the remarks *supra*.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 1-3, 6 and 11-13 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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